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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

As a/below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Providing Enhanced Content With Broadcast Video," as identified above.

I conceived the invention in the United States prior to the October 21, 1996 filing date of U.S. Patent No. 5,982,445 to Eyer et al. (hereinafter, "the Eyer patent").

Attached to this declaration as **Exhibit 1**, are excerpts from an invention disclosure document that was prepared prior to the October 21, 1996 filing date of the Eyer patent. This document evidences that the invention was conceived before October 21, 1996, which predates the filing date of the Eyer patent.

On information and belief, **Exhibit 2** is a copy of an email message from the patent attorney that prepared a draft of a patent application covering the invention. The email message includes an invention summary that summarizes the content of an invention disclosure meeting that was held with the attorney on August 14, 1996.

1 The date of the invention summary is September 5, 1996 which predates the filing
2 date of the Eyer patent.

3 **Exhibit 3** is a copy of an email message that I received from the patent
4 attorney who prepared a patent application covering the invention. The email
5 message contains a first draft of the patent application and was sent on November 1,
6 1996.

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8 attorney who prepared a patent application covering the invention. The email
9 message contains a second draft of the patent application and was sent on March 6,
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13 message contains a final draft of the patent application and was sent on June 13,
14 1997.

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16 attorney who prepared a patent application covering the invention. The email
17 message contains the patent application and formal papers for execution and was
18 sent on June 16, 1997.

19 All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all
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21 these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the
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23 Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statement may
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